

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

September 2, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Wednesday September 2, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mike Cassell, Director of the Recreation Department.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by the secretary Clifford W. Lanham and recorded as follows:

MBA President Clark Cook	Absent
Westco President Bobby Haygood	Present
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Present
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Present
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Absent
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board Member Bill Ward	Present
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present

Also in attendance was Mayor Finley; Lisa Preston, Recreation Department staff member, Taylor Edge, administrative assistant; Allison Callahan, sub committee for construction; Jennifer Malone, Dolphins; Greg Webber, Valley Club; Mike Kridner, baseball association president in October.

AGENDA ITEMS

Nomination for Recreation Board President was deferred to October. The four appointed board members need to communicate among themselves to formulate a nomination before the next meeting on 6 Oct. 2009.

Each athletic organization discussed their annual budget before the board. The purpose of this discussion was to educate the board as to the financial status of each organization. A summary of each organization follows:

1. Anthony Dupree articulated the Baseball annual budget, explaining that the organization would have to make some major equipment purchases in 2009 and 2010. Anthony would be stepping down on 1 October and being replaced by Mike Kridner, also in attendance tonight.
2. Bobby Haygood covered girl's softball annual budget. There were some 250 girls registered for the fall play and income and expenses broke just about even on the budget. Girl softball has been losing registrations in the past couple of years and it seems some the loss is to soccer. Concessions in baseball. Softball and football provides some extra money for operation of these organizations. In this respect Bobby asked Mike Cassell to look into the contract period of Buffalo Rock to determine when a new bid would be placed for concession support.
3. Cindy Davis discussed the Dolphin budget. The Dolphin's would soon have to start paying their coaches from their own funding and budget accordingly. The Dolphin season runs from April to July. Attendance runs about 300 swimmers.
4. Anthony Dupree briefed on the basket ball activities. Registration exceeded 250 players. This organization also provides donations back to the school for use of the school courts and facilities.
5. Allison Callahan briefed on AYSO. AYSO relies on volunteers to function and support the total program. Monies that would normally be used to pay for officials have been donated back to the recreation department for field improvements. Since 1999, AYSO has provided some \$168,500.00 worth of support back to Dublin. Fall registration is just over 1400 kids.
6. The football budget was reviewed; however, Chris Lewis was not present to respond to questions concerning the use of police officers at the games.
7. Allison Callahan addresses the Greenway budget.

The subcommittee looking into the construction of restrooms at Dublin gave a short brief that they were researching designs and possible modular configurations. Taylor Edge presented to the board a general proposal from Southern Constructions and Design INC. Handouts showing a possible concept and costing figures was also presented to the board. Lisa Sheffield stated that AYSO was really not interested in a concession capability, but was really in need of restrooms and storage facilities. She stated the subcommittee was looking at least two (2) facilities' in the Dublin area. With the additional data provided by Taylor Edge, the subcommittee should be able to provide to the board a definitive proposal of a desired facility by the next meeting.

Mike Cassell informed the board that the LOWES's Hero Program would not be going to Dublin. A Harvest Elementary school was selected to receive the \$2500.00 award. The recreation department would certainly apply for this program again next year. Cassell also let the board know that there was an evaluation of the parking and traffic flow at the Dublin area during soccer games with changes forth coming.

Judy Meiers stated that the senior center would be supporting up coming United Way Program.

Mayor Finley told the board he really appreciated the athletic organization briefing him and the board on their annual plans and financial programs. These programs provided a quality of life that has put Madison in the forefront of best place to live community and that we had to continue to search and provide plans and actions to continue Madison successes for the future.

He was fully aware that the city needed more soccer fields and he presented the board with ideas to develop soccer, baseball, track and walking paths near two elementary schools, Mill Creek and Columbia.

There is also consideration of redesigning road and path ways in and around Palmer. Funding for these programs will be brought before the city council and the county council in hopes of deriving money to support some of these ideas. If the athletic organizations can assist or recommend funding ideas, this is what must be done to continue the growth of Madison. Coordination and cooperation between the school system and the recreation department and the athletic organizations will be critical to the success of growth and funding for the present and future of the city. Revenue deriving activities need to be considered, i.e. concessions, and that money be returned to the recreation department for future improvements and growth.

No further business was brought forward. The next meeting will be on 6 October 2009 at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.